

BECKWITH STREET REVITALIZATION PHASE 2

PROGRESS UPDATE NO. 3 (JUNE 6 – JUNE 30)

Since the last update, Thomas Cavanagh Construction Limited have continued with sanitary sewer, storm sewer and watermain installation efforts progressing towards Elmsley Street. Although most of the rock had been previously broken to facilitate easier installation of underground servicing, some mechanical rock excavation has continued over the last few weeks to clean up trenches for ease of pipe installation. Manhole structures have also been installed as works progress northerly. Services to properties, such as sewer and water are being replaced to property line. Gas main crossings have been backfilled and protected with u-fill concrete along the underside of the main for support from roadway vehicle loading.

Works commenced within the Elmsley and Beckwith Street intersection to remove existing asphalt and concrete curbs and sidewalk to allow for underground works to be completed. This work in the intersection required the assistance of the Smiths Falls Police Service for traffic control purposes to ensure safe operation of construction equipment in this area. Temporary traffic signals, pedestrian crossing signals, and streetlights have now been installed and put into service at the Elmsley Street intersection.

Although all of the watermain is being replaced throughout the project, there was a watermain break experienced on the "live" main in front of Tim Hortons the first week of June. Although this main was soon to be replaced, it required repair. Once that repair was made, distribution flows from the Water Treatment Plant dropped by more than 500,000 L/day. This leak had likely been present for some time, accounting towards the Town's non-revenue water loss. Watermain installation from Russell Street to Church Street has been completed and that watermain is now isolated, tested and ready to be put in service.

Asphalt grindings have been placed and compacted along side the library as a temporary construction access. Grading efforts have started from Russell Street northerly anticipating concrete curb and sidewalk installation in the coming weeks, while underground works progress northerly towards Elmsley Street.







UP-COMING (JULY 4 – JULY 22)

Installation of sanitary sewer, storm sewer, watermains and associated services for water will continue over the coming weeks. Roadway catch basins will be installed.







TRAFFIC

Beckwith Street between Russell Street and Elmsley Street North remains closed to vehicular traffic. Detours are in place to direct north and southbound traffic around the construction zone via Chambers Street to Elmsley Street and Elmsley Street to Chambers Street respectively to get around the road closure. Additional detours are in place for Jasper Avenue, Old Slys Road and Queen Street to accommodate larger commercial through traffic.

Information on road closures, restrictions and construction projects in the Town of Smiths Falls can be found at the following links:

Municipal 511: https://www.municipal511.ca/

Town of Smiths Falls Website: https://www.smithsfalls.ca/ Facebook: https://www.smithsfalls.ca/